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OBSERVATIONS AND PREDICTIONS,

For the Year of our LORD 1700.

WHEREIN

Are briefly Shewn as well the Judgements and Opinions of several Wise Men concerning this present Year and other Years as his own Judgment with the Signification of the Eclipses of this present Year.

WITH

Monthly Observations for every Month of this present Year briefly containing the Most Remarkable events that are likely to happen in *England* and other *Places*, and the most likely days for Rain and Change of Weather and other things worthy of Observation.

The lofty Heavenes by their Whirling Motion
Over the Earth, deep Seas, and floting Ocian,
Dayly declare to sinful Flesh and Blood,
The Glory of the great Omniscient God,
The Firmament fill'd with amazing Lights,
Doth Shew his Handy-work to Earthly Sights:
He tells the number of Sidereal Flames,
And calls them by their own Celestial names,
Thei're happy who have carnal eyes to gaze,
Upon those glorious lights, which us amaze:
More happy they, who can with Spiritual eyes,
Behold the day Star in their Hearts to rise.

Psal. 19. 1.

Psal. 147. 4

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THIS is that great Year, which ſeveral Wiſe-men have pointed at, wherein or about which time, they have Conjectured that the World would ſee ſome great Unuſual and Famous Changes.

John Napeir L. of *Marchiſton*, believed the day of Judgment would fall between the Years 1688. and 1700. for he believed the Abomination that made Deſolate, was ſet up in the Year of *Chriſt*, 365 by that Abominable *Julian*, when he made Decrees for Deſolating and Devouring *Gods* Servants, therefore he ſaid from the Year of *Chriſt* 365 we are Commanded to *Reckon* 1335 Years, which falleth in *Anno.* 1700 And then (ſaith *Daniel* verſe 6th.) ſhall be the end of all Wonders, even the Wonderous and great Day of the Lord: Read the laſt Chapter of *Daniel*.

George Withers conceived that near unto this Year the Roman Empire, would be totally ſubverted and overthrown, for they made their Computations by theſe Numeral letters, M D C L X V I. which are the Numurals for 1666 which being added to 32 Years (about which Age *Chriſt* ſuffered) the Aggregate will amount to 1698 which is near unto 1700.

In a little book entituled Reverend *M. Brightman's*, Judgment or Prophecies, it is thus Written, but the Pope is to be quite and fully overthrown at the Year 1686 and that in the Year 1696 the great Turk alſo ſhall be utterly overth own.

T. B. In his little Book, Wrote that the *Turkiſh* Power ſhould come to his end, and that none ſhould be able by any help what ever to prevent it, even at the Year 1697.

I.H. In his Cataſtrophe Mundi wrthot[illegible]he Year 1700 ſaying now

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now is *Rome* Destroyed and the Downful of the Seat of *Peter*; the Conversion of the *Turks*, and *Jews*, soon follow, and in his appendix Wrote that the ♂ ♄ ♃ in ♐ in 1722 will Destroy all the Opinions of of the Pagans, all over the whole World. and Reduce all to the Faith of our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, and that all Contrariety of Opinions will be laid Open. The Man was Ingenious, but I doubt his Judgment will fail him this Year.

In a certain Book (Entituled a *Calender* of Prophetick time drawn by an Expresse Scripture line) on the Title page, there is a propheſy thus Demonstrated; But that the time of their Propheſy in Sackcloth (meaning the two Witnesses Slain) will not Expire till the Year 1697 And at the Year 1727 shall begin the final Destruction of the Beast by the viols, accomplished at the Year 1772 in the new *Jeusalem* briefly described After which time the Authour concluded there would ensue Blessed times according to these words, in another place of the said Book by Calculation of time, this blessed state will begin e're the Seventh thousand of the World enters, but as near as within 240 Years I took the more notice of 1772 because it holds a near congruency with the Year 1782 Expressed in my following predictions concerning the Roman Empire Astrologically and Theologically Composed which as great secret I bequeath unto the World

Concerning the Roman *Empire*

I find by our Trigonicall table Calculated by the great pains and Industry of *I. H.* which he Extracted from the Caroline tables of *I. S.* Published in 1663. That *Jesus Christ* was Born under the ♂ ♄ ♃ in that Pious Sign ♓ [one of the House of Pious ♃] but he Established his most pure Christian Religion under the ♂ ♄ ♃ in that Pious Sign ♐ *Sagittarus*, [the other House of Pious ♃] and under the Sixth Trigonicall Revolution of the ♂ ♄ ♃ since the Creation of the World And it came into my Heart that as the Lord made Man and Finished his work on the *Sixth* day of the Week, and rested on the Seventh day, evenso he was pleased to Rstablish the true Christian Religion, and to Finish the Settlement thereof, by the Death of his Dear Son *Jesus Christ*, under the ♂ ♄ ♃ in that diurnall and Pious Signe ♐ that happned under the *Sixth* Trigonical Revolution thereof since the Creation of the World (to bring all belevers into a spiritual way of Worship and to purifie them) who said it is Finished, and then gave up the Ghost, *John*, the 19. 30. And after his resurrection he likewise entered into his Eternal Sabbath of Rest, And whereas *Jesus Christ*, made choice of Twelve *Apostles* to convert Sinners to Rightouenes, so it is probable that the Lord will convert many of the greatest infidels to the true *Christian* Faith under the ♂ ♄ ♃ that will happen after their Twelth ingress into that Piou Signe since the birth of *Christ* (in or near the Year 1782) to perfect a Reformation in the World [through the Spirit of Grace within] for this great Apostolick

Number 12 is [by wiſe Men] called Divine, ſo that it ſeems very likely, that the Pope of *Rome* (if not alſo ſome other unconverted Monarchs) may under the conjunction of that great Apoſtolick numb er be either totally overthrown or elſe converted through ſo me Judgmen.tto the true Chriſtien Faith, for the Lord Reſpects number, and order, and a very good Reaſon may be given, why *Chriſt* made Choice of the Number of Twelve Apoſtles.

The Number 1728 is by wiſe Men counted fatal, to which when any City, or Common Wealth hath attained, it ſhall afterwards Decline: Now whereas the true Chriſtian Religion and *Spiritual* way of Worſhip was not fully Eſtabliſhed 'till the Death of Chriſt (*who ſaid if I go not away the Comforter will not Come unto you* John 16. 7.) therefore if we add 32. [the Number of *Chriſt's* Age when he died] to 1728, the totall will be 1760. which is the Year, wherein [by this Rule] the true Chriſtian Religion will by ſome means begin to decline in power, but whether by the ſloathfullneſs of the Profeſſors thereof or by ſome great perſecution I am not ſenſible of, But if it ſhould ſo happen I conjecture the Lord will viſit his People again; and animate and quicken them by his *Spirit* within, and drop down ſome ſweet Celeſtial influences from the ſupernall ſtellary powers under the aforeſaid ♂ ♄ ♃ in that Pious *Signe* ♐ that will happen in or about the Year 1782. wherefore let them praiſe the Name of the Lord: for his Name alone is Excellent, his Glory is above the Earth, and Heaven. *Pſal.* 148. 13.

And whereas the *Roman* Empire was Eſtabliſhed about 45 Years before the coming of *Chriſt*, therefore if we ſubſtract 45 from the aforeſaid Number 1728. the Remainder will be 1683. about which Year [by this Rule] the *Roman* Empire ſhould have begun to Decline in Power, And indeed I ſuppoſe it was ſorely ſhaken, and the inhabitants poſſeſed with fears that very year when the *Turkiſh* Army Beſieged *Vienna*, and I believe that Number would have been more Effectual upon that *Empire* if the *Turkiſh* Empire had not been Eſtabliſhed under the ♂ ♄ ♃ in ♒ which was the ſigne Oppoſite to the ſigne ♌ wherein the three Conjunctions of ♄ and ♃ happned *in* 1682 and 1683. which gave the *Turkiſh* Army a terrible Repulſe according to my Enſuing Diſcourſe.

Concerning the Turkiſh *Empire.*

THis preſent Empire of the *Turks* was cheifly Eſtabliſhed by *Othomam* in 1289 under the ♂ ♄ ♃ In the airy ſigne ♒ And therefore after ♄ and ♃ in 1682 and 1683 had made their Conjunctions in that lofty Regal high Spirited ſigne ♌ [the ſigne oppoſite to ♒] the *Turkiſh* Army was Vanquiſhed and by a terrible Repulſe at the Siege of *Vienna*, were forced to fly away, and in or about the Year 1742. The two ſuperiour Planets ♄ ♃ will again be in ♂ in the fiery ſigne ♌ under which it is probable that the *Turkiſh* Army, will again have a very terrible Repulſe; and that

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that Empire will then be more wofully ſhaken, becauſe that conjunction will be after they have made their third Enterance into 6 (the Number three being counted a moſt powerful Number,) But if the *Turk* be not then driven out of his Empire, perhaps the Lord may be pleaſed to give him a Pretious Viſitation of his Love under that famous ☌ ♄ ♃ in that pious ſigne ♑ that will happen in or about the Year 1782 [before mentioned] it being the Conjunction of the 12 ingreſſe of the two Superious into that pious ſigne, ſince the Birth of *Chriſt*, and then if that preſent *Turkiſh* Emperour harden not his Heart, he may be Bleſſed for evermore; for it is written I will give thee for a light unto the Gentiles that that thou maiſt be my ſalvation unto the end of the Earth *Iſaiah* 49. 6. Theſe *Turks* were at firſt a ſmall People, and were Driven out of ſeveral places but at length they ſettled and (by the permiſſion of God) Wonderfully encreated and proſpered.

I. M. In his Cataſtaſis *Mundi* wrote that *Ottoman* firſt Founded the *Turkiſh* Empire in the Year of *Chriſt* 1289 and that if *Saturns* greateſt Years [465] be added to 1289. it will make 1754 therefore ſaid he, this Monarchy ſeems to ſtand Firm and Stable no longer than unto the Year of *Chriſt*, 1754 which indeed agrees with my aforeſaid Computations, for 1754 is a Year which is under the ☌ ♄ ♃ in 1742.

The Number 666 is the great Tabuler Number of the Sun, the moſt Renouned Planet of Majeſty; which is as a King or an Emperour among the Stars.

This ſoler Table is wiſely Compoſed of 36 Figures placed ſquarewiſe and all the Figures in every Row and overthwart, do ſtrangly amount, to 111 which multiplied by 6 the product will be the great Tabuler Number of the Sun and of his aſtrall Emperial Majeſty, WiſeMen have accounted this Table and Number of great vertue and Eſſiuacy and have ſaid that the moſt high created all things by Number Weight and Meaſure.

Behold this ſtrange Table and ad all the Numbers together and you will find the total to be 666.

This great ſolar Number of Majeſty 666 may be thus applyed to the Number of the beaſt, 666 [mentioned in in *Rev.* 13. 18.] and the Number of his

6	32	3	34	35	1
7	11	27	28	8	30
19	14	16	15	23	24
18	20	22	21	17	13
25	29	10	9	26	12
36	5	33	4	2	31

his Name. for this Terrible Beast arose out of the Turbulent sea or unstable Element of water of the Nature of the Lowest Planet, the *Moon*, but he soon became magnificent and entered into terrestrial Glory and Splendour [compareable to the Glory and Majesty of the Celestial Sun, which God hath Ordained to Rule as a King or an Emperour among the stars] and therefore all the World wondered after the beast: and I suppose *John* himself, did not believe, nor expect, that this cruel Imperial Seven-headed Beast, would ever Personally appear in such a Prodigious shape to Rule over Men or Saints, as he saw him in the vision, but rather mystically in Man, therefore this Number of the Beast is also the Number of a cruel Imperial Man: And as this horne Crowned cruel Imperial Beast was Mystically to appear in a cruel Imperial Man, *viz*, In some Man of Sin, and to Reign in that unity, as a King of Kings in Earthly Glory and Splendour, Comparable to the admirable Glory and Majesty of the Astral King or sublime Celestial Sun so by his terrestrial Glory and Magnificence he Merited the Like Regal and Imperial Name of *Majesty*, whose Number is 666 And by his Imperial *Majesty* and Dragonish fury he made War, with the Saints, and overcame them And therefore he also merited the Name of *Antichrist*, which is agreable with the Name of Blasphemy Written on his Heads: so that his Name is according to his evil Nature is [and may not improperly be called] *Antichristian Majesty* or *The great and mighty, Blasphemer*, who Metaphoritally, was a terrestrial Sun whose number is 666. *Note. this cruel Beast may also Externally be understood, and the first Beast as well as the Second may be called* Antichrist, *though the Second seemes cheifly to merit the said Name*

John Napier, L. of *Murchiston*, conceived this Number of the Beast 666 to be the Greek Name λατεινος (for the Grecians made their Letters Numurals) which being thus placed and the Numbers cast up, the toral will be the aforesaid Number 666 and he said λατεινος is not only the Name of a Man but tha Name of the first *Beast* The Man which he meaned was King *Latinus*, and and the First Beast he said was the Latin Empire.

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Now it is very Observable that the Christian Religion, began to spring up about the 15*th*. Year of *Christ*, and was Established under the great Conjunction of ♄ & ♃ in that Pious Regal & Fiery sign ♐ *Sagitarius*, the House of Pious ♃ under which Conjunction, it pleased the Lord to work Wonders and to bring to pass many Miraculous and wonderful Changes.

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And it is alſo very Obſervable that in the Year, 1603. there happened another great Conjunction of ♄ and ♃ in the Firſt face of the ſame Pious, Regal and fiery Signe ♐, near the Scorpious Heart [a ſtar of the ſecond magnitude] of the Nature of *Mars* and pious Jupiter, Under which (according to my beſt Computation) there ſprung up *a* certain Religion and a precious people in the North of *England*, appearing with Wonderful Zeal, in whoſe Hearts, the fear of God was placed and the Mighty Power of God was felt, working ſpiritual changes, condemning pride and ſecret-ſinns, leading many into ſtates of humility and into the true ſpiritual Worſhip, which Religion did not much ſpread it ſelf for many Years.

And in the Year 1642 there happened a Conjunction of ♄ ♃ in that Pious and watery *Signe* ♓ [the other Houſe of Pious ♃] under which Pious Conjunction, the ſaid Religion wonderfully proſpered and the Zeal of the ſaid People was quickned and much admired, and their Pious converſaſions were ſufficient tokens to demonſtrate that their Teacher was Divine and ſpiritual and the ſaid Religion began to overſpread the Kingdom of *England*, to the Admiration of many People, and to make a powerful entrance into diverſe other Kingdoms and Nations.

Moreover it is very Obſervable that in the Year, 1663 there happened another Famous Conjunction of ♄ and ♃ In that Pious Regal and Fiery Signe ♐ *Sagittarus*, which may not improperly be called a great Conjunction, becauſe it paſſed out of a watery Signe, into a Fiery: under which Famous Conjunction, The ſaid Religion, Flouriſhed and more and more, overſpread the Kingdom of *England* and more Powerfully took place in diverſe other Nations, ſo that as the ſaid Religion Sptung up at firſt under the ☌ ♄ ☍ in that Pious' conſtellation: even ſo it hath proſpered and flouriſhed under this ſame.

But many Slighting the day of Gods pretious viſitation to their Souls went out of their firſt tenderneſs and departed from the Power of God lineſs and became ſlothful and ſleepy *Reſting*, only in forms and formalities endeavouring to comprehend Divine Myſteries (which are Chiefly *Reveled* throngh divine and Spiritual Judgments) from whence differences and Diſtractions aroſe ſo that in the Year 1677 and 1678 when ♄ was tranſiting the Signe ♊ [the ſigne oppoſite to that pious ſigne ♐] and in ☍ and ☌ ♂ therein, the diſcords about the ſaid Religon were very Great and Publick to the World and aroſe into a very high ſtation of contention, and great diſtractions appeared, to the grief of many ſouls and they became ſubject to the Contentious Planets, and aſpects cauſing

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the said Religion to appear infamous (which at the Begining was beautified with Holiness) to the Great dishonour of God, and the improsperity of the said people in Grace and spiritual things.

And in the Year 1682 and 1683 there happned to be no less then 3 Conjunctions of ♄ and ♅ in that lofty high spirited Regal and Firey signe ♌ *Leo*, (there happening a great Commet in one of the said Years which also succeede that terrible Commet in 1680) under which three Conjunctions in this Lofty and high spirited signe, the discords about the said Religion Strangly encreated, and lofty Disputes arose (according to the Nature of the constellation) and they went into Divisions and separations especially about the Year 1692 and 1693 when contentions ♄ had took possession of that pious Sign ♐ and from thence had 3 times vexed Pious ♅ with his three Oppositions who was then very weak in ♊ and like one turned out of his own habitation into a Wilderness, weeping, whilst his Malicious enemy possessed the House of his joy and glory and Fought against him with his own Weapons, an poor ♅ despised, and Forlorne, many Pious souls here on earth have sorely greived (if not Mourned) because of thy Desolation and exile, but wait a little patiently, for thy next happy Conjunction with ♄ in thy own Pious habitation (which will happen in or about the Year 1722) that thou Maist plead With thy Enemy for Dealing so Malicously with thee.

Moreover in or about the Year, 1702 the two superiour Planets ♄ and ♃ will make their conjunction, in that hotspirited Fiery sign ♈ [the house of furious and Fiery Mars and the ascendant of *England*] under which Conjunction it is probable there will arise in *England*, many hot and Furious disputes [according to the Nature of the constellation] about some Principles of the said Religion (for ♅ contends with ♄ about Religion, in what sign soever he is in conjunction with him) so that I fear, the Lord will suffer the Distractions to be greater in *England*, especially about the Year, 1707 or 1708 when Contentions ♄ transits the sign ♊ [the sign opposite to that pious sign ♐] and that some secret controversies will again be made publick to the World, unless the Lord either by a miracle be pleased to put a stop to it or many that are lofty and contentions descend into the Antient station of Humility and therein abide waiting for the Spiritual appearance of Christ in whom are hid all the treasures of Wisdom and knowledge *Coloss.* 2 3. for the *Wise-Virgins* are usually contented with their Spiritual enjoyments till through their Experiences a Right understanding of divine Mysteries is given. *Note, though the Wise Virgins (under this Conjunction) may be battered by the Foolish with much force and subtility about the said Year* 1707 *or* 1708 *Yet I conjecture they will begin and End Victoriously.*

Again it is Observeable that in or about the Year 1722 or 1723 the two superiour Planets ♄ and ♅ will be again in conjunction in the same pious Regal and Fiery sign ♐ (under which the said Religion Chiefely arose) under which I beleive and Conjecture the Lord [the the great Governour of Nature and of all Celestial motions of the Spheares and planets] will prune his Vine and cut of many of the superfluous lofty Branches, which have not yet cast down their worldly Magnificence, nor said thou art worthy O Lord to Receive glory and Honour and power, *Reve.* 4, 11.

and he will dresse it and beautify it again in the sight of other professors and make it

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more famous, and will Raiſe up a more ardent Zeal in and among the Wiſe Virgins, and work a Reformation through the Spirit of Grace within: Now ſhall ♃ that was ſo much Grieved, Deſpiſed and Forlorne, in or about the Year, 1692 or 1693, begin to Triumph over his Adverſary, and to Recover his loſt fame, and Renown and the Wiſe Virgins will begin to hold up their heads and appear again in beauty, this is the appointed time wherein the Lord will begin to conſolate the Afflicted and he hath determined to do mighty things before the Conjunctions of the two Superiour Planets, (which are as the Lords Inſtruments) have made their Departure out of the Fiery Trigon into the Earthy, for ever ſince the Creation of the World, it hath pleaſed the Almighty God, to effect the moſt Remarkable and moſt Eminent Changes here on Earth, and gradually to bring to paſs the greateſt wonders under the Conjunctions of the two Superiour Planets in the fiery trigon (we being now under the 8 trigonicall Revolution incompleat and imperfect ſince the Creation of the World) and when their Conjunctions [an hundred Years hence] have made their departure out of the Fiery trigon into the Earthy, they will not make their Appearance in the fiery trigon againe 'till many hundered Years are Expired.

But under this Conjunction of the two Superiours, about the Year 1737 or 1738, when ♄ begins to make another tranſit through the airy Sign ♊ Gemini [which is the Signe oppoſite to ♐] the Lord will ſuffer the Fooliſh Virgins to contend again with the Wiſe, and one with another becauſe of their Darkneſs and Diſobedience; therefore let the Wiſe Virgins be armed with his power that they may then be preſerved in peace for God hath ordained a time to Every purpoſe under Heaven *Eccleſiaſtes.* 3. 1.

But that which is moſt Remarkable is this, that in or about the year 1782 the two Superiour Planets ♄ and ♃ will make another Famous Conjunction in that Pious Regal and Fiery Signe ♐ which will be the Conjunction of their Twelfth ingreſſe into that Pious Signe ſince the birth of Chriſt (the Number Twelve being by wiſe Men called divine) under which Conjunction and great Apoſtolick Number (I Conjecture) the Lord will do very great things and perfect a Reformation in the World and gather his People into a more perfect unity and Confound the fooliſh Virgins, who are apt to give

offences to the Wife by which they are lyable to that Woe which Christ proclaimed when he said Woe to that Man by whom the offence Cometh *Matth.* 18. 7.

I shall now make a great leap over many yeares to come and shall only mention one event more, which may be Remarkable to posterity: about 300 years hence the Conjunction of the two Superiour Planets ♄ and ♃ will make their ingress into the airy trigon & into the Sign ♎ which is opposite to that Pious Signe ♐ under which the said Religion arose] under whose Conjunction & Conjunctions in the Signe ♌ the Lord, who hath given Motions to the admirable wheels of Nature hath preordained by their circulations, to let in a very great flood of afflictions upon the Professors of this Religion, for a Tryal of Their Faith, and a Grievous persecution (I Conjecture) will arise to overthrow the said Religion or to drive the professors thereof into Obscurity and Dissolation, and the Induction of strange herisyes will be known (unless the great Governour of Celestial motions Miraculously prevent it, Therefore all that professe the said Religion in these our Days ought to prise the day of Gods Visitation and love unto their Souls, while the storms are not so Great, and as Wise Virgins to make their progresse towards the Lord out of pride and Sins that they may appear as lights to many that are in Darknes, and let them praise the Lord for Discovering that Blessed principle of Light, to them in their Days, who also works by the constellations and heavenly Bodys, as well as by his Spirit in man,

Of the Four Principal causes of Religious Differences.

1. The *First* cause is from Suspition Without Knowledge, from whence false Judgments are given and unsavoury offences; corrupting and severing the Christian unity.

2. The *Second* cause proceedeth from disobedience to the Word and Spirit of God, through which the loftiness of the Heart continues and the Rich are Respected above the Poor, by which the ardency of affections may be cooled and disunity take Place.

3. The *Third* cause, is for want of Divine Manifestations through which many Scripture expressions cannot be Comprehended nor understood, from whence Differences in Opinions may often arise.

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4. The *Fourth* cauſe proceeds from a Contrariety in nature, for every ones Nature is not aliko, ſome Natures being very much diſſerent and Incongruent, from whance ariſe diverſe croſſings and offences: And the cheiſe cauſe of contrariety in Nature is from the Circumrotation of the admirable wheels of Nature (which move through the Preordination of the great and wiſe Creator) in which he hath Fixed many light bright and Admirable bodys(through which the Heavens Declare his Glory pſal, 19, 1.)which being of Diverſe Natures, do through their Daily & inceſſant Motions and preordinate circulations, cauſe a mixture of influences in the Supernall Regions of the air, from whence proceed the love and enmity in his creatures here below, who hold a congruency or incongruency of Natures among themſelves, for if the Planet that Governs the Oriental Angle at the Birth of any perſon be located in a place oppoſite to the Place of any other Planet that governs the Orientall angle (at the time of anothers birth the two Perſons through a contrariety in Nature, will (to Admiration) very often Diſagree eſpecially if the Planet be either ♄ or ♂.

Though many know not the Reaſon why this is written and Publiſhed, yet if they Rightly apply it, it may do them much good.

A Short Song of the true Chriſtians or wiſe Virgins.

OUR Burning lamps were fill'd with pretious Oyle,
When we that Joyful midnight cry had heard:
Our lofty foes did make us weep and wail,
When we upon our Heavenly courſe had ſteer'd.

Once Iſrael *For an earthly Kingdom Fought,*
And were Victorious through their Valiant King
But we an everlaſting Kingdome ſought,
And of our Spir'tuall Victories can ſing,

I ſhall ſhall now proceed to give my Aſtrological Judgments for this preſent Year 1700.

THE poſitions of the Heavens at the time of the Suns ingreſſe into the *Firſt Minute* of the Vernall Equinoctial Signe ♈ ſeeme

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to be wholly for Peace, and that *England*, will not be *Molested*, nor encumbered with warrs but will this Year be in a state of much felicity, yet from some other positions of the Planets I am somewhat afraid of some Estival disturbances, especially in Ireland, though the greatest troubles in *Ireland* I doubt will be in 1705 But *Holland* and *Scotland* seem to be pretty free from Martial disturbances till 1710 or 1711 but perhaps *France* may next year be threatned by a Forreigne enemy.

The Clergy seem to be much dissatisfyed in their minds, and to set themselves in opposition against some other professors: The Planet ♄ is now making his long Voyage through the watery Signe ♓ along with the ☌ which either this year or the next may cause some perturbations and distractions, Bloodshed and much Mischief in many places Especially in *Cilicia*, *Galatia*, *Normandy*, and in *Egypt*, the higher and perhaps *France*, and Particularly *Paris* may in some measure participate of their portended Mischief, and there may also much Controverty and debates arise concerning sects and the appearance of some new heresy may take place. In *January*, the Planet ♄ goes out of ♒ into ♓ and perhaps some unusual sight may then appear in the air: I expect the apparition of some comet within three or four yeers.

About the year 1702. or 1703. (after ♃ hath made his next congresse with ♄ in the fiery Sign ♈ [the ascendant of *England*] and also after ♄ hath moved pretty far therein, we shall best know whether there will be Wars or Peace in *England*, if we can but escape a brush then, we may be happy and long rest under the enjoyment of Peace and Tranquility: *Sed O Anglia timeo ne multi hostes tunc Existerent in te aut Contra te Ergo cavete vos incolæ & præcipue cum tempus adveniat sed utcunque quædam magnæ Mutationes tunc expectantur vel subito postea*, and whereas the ☌ is exalted above ♄ in the Ninth house, it Signifies the Death of old Men and of Monks and of Religious *Men*: also ♄ applying to the ☌ at the time of the Suns vernall ingresse portends some scarcity of the Fruits of the earth yet by some other positions wheat seems to be indifferent Cheap, all the latter half of the year, But the Positions of our Summer ingresse very much threaten Miscarryages to Women with Child.

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The Kings and Princes of *Europe*, will this quarter be meditating about the ſea Affairs, and ſometimes about the Religion of their ſubjects, but they appear in great Splendour during the vernal and eſtival quarter, yet ſeem to be ſome way Diſpleaſed and diſturbed in the Autumnal Quarter.

Of the ECLIPSES, *of this preſent* YEAR, 1700.

THERE will happen but two *Eclipſes* this Year and they will be both of the *Moon*; the firſt will be on the twenty third day of *February*, at 36 minutes paſt Six of the Clock in the Morning, this *Eclipſe* will be total and the begining of it may be viſible to thoſe that are willing to riſe before the Sun Riſeth (if the air be clear) It portends the Deſtruction of ſome of our Enemyes and alſo of ſome great Drinkers or *Drunkards*, and a Mortality to many Children or young Folks, and it alſo threatens ſickneſs or much evil to many Counſellors, and ſcribes, and ſignifies unfortunate Navigations and turbulent and pernitious winds, and perhaps in ſome Countrys it may cauſe an Earthquake. This Ecipſe will cheifly operate in thoſe Countrys, and Places that are Subject to the ſignes ♍ ♓ and ♒ but it threatens much evil to all Perſons in General, whoſe Aſcendants were the 15*th.* degree of ♍ (or ſome degree near it) at the time of their Births.

The Second will be an *Eclipſe* of the *Moon* on the 18*th.* day of *Auguſt* about 27 Minutes paſt 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon; this will be a great *Eclipſe* but inviſible to us, the *Moon* being Lady of the 8*th.* Houſe and poſited on the Cuſp of the third, and Religious ♃ being both Lord of the aſcendant and Lord of the *Eclipſe* and poſited in ♈ It hath an ill ſignification concerning the Vulgar ſort of People, and denotes Death and *Diſtruction* to many of them, and to many Travellers and to ſome ſort of Profeſſors of Religion eſpcially in thoſe Countrys and places under, ♓ ♐ and ♈, and alſo to Fiſhes in the Waters, but ♂ being Lord of Subſequent Angle and applying to the Cuſp of the aſcendant I fear it hath *Relation* to ſome future Diſturbances amongſt Men Eſpcially in thoſe Countrys and

places under the signes ♐ and ♊ This *Eclipse*, will begin to operate most Manifestly about the middle of May in 1701.

The great Omniscient Omnipotent and most wise Creator, did not make the Sun Moon and Stars for *Lights* only, but for Diverse Effects and purposes; wherefore he was pleased to give them power over the Natures of all Creatures in the air and Water and of all Animals Vegetables and Minerals here on Earth, yet he hath not given away all his power to them, but as he hath been ever so he is now and ever will be, the Almighty which Commandeth the Sun, and it Riseth not, and Sealeth up the Starrs, which alone spreadeth out the Heavens, and treadeth upon the Waves of the Sea, which maketh Arcturus, *Orion*, *Pleiades* and the Chambers of the South, which doth great things past finding out, yea and wonders without Number *Job*, 9. 7, 8, 9, 10. May he not say unto Man that hath Humane Wisdom? canst thou do any of those mighty things? or canst thou bind the sweetest influences of Pleiades? or loose the bands of *Orion*? canst thou bring forth *Mazzaroth* in his season? or canst thou guide *Arcturus* with his Sonns *Job*. 38. 31, 32.

Praise him ye Heav'nly Sun *and* Moon,
Praise him all ye Starres of Light:
Your Rising, moving, going Down,
Glorifies him Day and Night.
} Psal. 148 3

Monthly Observation for every Month, this present Year 1700.

January's *Observations.*

MANY Clandestine Consultations by some great Council or Parliament seem to have been either in the preceeding *Month*, or may be about the begining of this: many Princes of Europe are now very Magnanimous and shew themselves in great Splendour and are acting and contriving for the Consolation and profit of their Subjects, the City of *Oxford*, is now much Esteemed

Esteemed and favoured and many of the Clergy, and some other Learned Men will Resort thither: some Potentate in *Ireland* seems to be somewhat enraged at the threatenings or some Exasperating Speeches of some great Potentate whose ascendant is ♏ we may now expect the safe arrival of many Ships to their several Ports: some change of weather may be expected before the middle of the Month.

E're this cold shiv'ring Month hath taken leave,
Of us, who here our earthly Dwellings have,
Chronos and Ericina too conjoine,
Moist'ning the earth with snow or showers of Rain.

towards the latter end of the Month

February's *Observation.*

THIS Month seems to produce Weighty consultations in Councills, concerning the Militia, about which some Discords arise The main body of the Commonalty are now very well united to their head and are earnestly endeavouring to get Money at home and abroad by their employments; the Seas seem to be perilous for Merchants ships: some danger of Losses by private Thieves on the Roads causing grief and trouble to Travellers. Snow or Rain about the *9th.* 13*th.* 22*d.* 27*th,* Days.

Now Dusky Phœnon doth with Clouds Obscure,
Great Titans glory, and his splendour pure:
The lofty Heavens weep, their falling Tears,
Wash clean the Earth's green morning gown she weares.

Especially about the 11*th.* Day of the Month

March's *Observations.*

THE Potentates and Nobles of some Nations, especially of the Nations that are under ♈ and 69 seem now to blame their Subjects, and to act some thing which the Vulgar will not like Great Men have wise heads now; with a great deal of policy in them, the Seas are now very Perilous by Reason of Pyrats, Travellers may now

Expect

Expect many affronts on the Roads by Thieves and highway Men. Men and their Wives differ much about the latter end of the Month, but I mean those that are Naturally apt to be passionate, a probability of Rain about the *7th.* 21*st.* 30*th.* Days, and indeed the latter end of the Month is likely to produce much Rain.

When I the Rays of my judicious Eye,
Had cast upon the splendid lights on high,
I saw some wond'ring, some in discontent,
Some great ones under close imprisonment.

and small ones too, or at least threatned.

April's *Observations.*

THE Consultations of this Month, in Councils, seems to be Chiefly about Marine affaires; but they differ in their opinions, Sicknesses and Distempers will Naturally surprize many of the Vulgar sort, especially in the City of *London*, let them beware of too much carnality, lest they suffer for it by the Venereal distemper: many Mercurial persons especially in *London* and *Ireland* are now some way furiously affronted some probability of pretty high winds about the 12*th.* and 27*th.* Days, and of Hail or Rain about the 4*th.* 13*th.* 28*th.* Days

Gradivus doth with Furious rays afflict,
Bright Noble Phœbus, *doth him Contradict:*
Some English Hero on the Irish *Ground,*
I Fear's in danger of a secret wound.

about the latter end of the Month.

May's *Observations*

IMprisonment seems to be threatned to some great Potentates (especially in those Countrys under ♉) but the benigne aspects of this Month do much favour the Commonalty, and give them the enjoyment of much love content and felicity, and curb that Spirit in them, that may sometimes be ready to appear in Wrath, but their

their ſucceſs in trading will be but Ordinary: Rain near the beginning and end of the Month.

Though Valiant Mars looks furious in an Argle,
As if he had a ſmall intent to wrangle,
mild Venus doth old Saturne kindly greet,
Making Mars mild by Salutations ſweet.

So that he is ſcarce hot ſpirited enough to fight

June's *Obſervations.*

THE Planet Mars, was perſwaded the laſt month to keep his Sword in his ſheath, but I am half a fraid he wil draw him this Month, but *Ireland* is the Place chiefely threatned (*Ergo Cavent Hybernia quoniam nunc illa inerit periculo magis quam multa alia adjacentia Regna*) and ♉ [the aſendant of *Ireland*] is now furiouſly aſcending upon the ſtage of the world, and ♂ the Planet of *Miſchiefs* is now preparing to make his tranſmigration over the degree oppoſite to the aſcendant, if the heat of ♂ be not Extinguiſhed, it may break out into a flame about the latter end of this Month or the begining of the next, but there will be ſeveral treatyes to preſerve Peace and I wiſh the animoſityes of ſome Martial Spirits may not be too much incenſed but rather cooled, by moderation and Rationable compliances: the Seas are now well enough cleared from Pyrots, many Whoredomes are now diſcovered and the Partyes concerned impriſoned, a probability of Rain the 4*th* and 22*d.* day, and of Rain and Thunder on the 2*d* 9*th* 19*th.* 30*th.* Day.

Come Phœnon, Phœbus, Hermes, *uſe your Wits,*
That fierce Gradivus make no bloody hits,
Phœbus *and* Hermes *ſpread your arms imbrace,*
Stout Aris, let him ſheath his ſword in Peace,
For that is his beſt place I think we have known wars enough already.

July's *Obſervations*

THE Vulgar ſort of People are now pretty much Grieved and driven into perturbations of mind, partly about the ſea affairs

and losses thereby and partly about some Kind of Religion which many willnow be Zealous for, and they often discourse about those that belong to the Council house : some Superiours I fear will be in danger of Imprisonment, The Seas seem now to be very perillous for Merchants Ships and partly by Reason of Pyrots; the Highways are also alittle dangerous for Travellers, by reason of Thieves. A probability of some Thunder and Lightning near the 3*d.* 8*th.* 13*th.* 23*d.* Day: and of Rain on or about the 8*th.* 16*th.* 22*d.* 29*th.* Days.

I wonder why great Titan should abuse,
Our pious star and put him in a muse
The learned Clergy sudden Changes see,
Yielding submission to some high Decree.

perhaps before the middle of the month.

August's *Observations*

THE Furious Planet mars is once again got into the Council house a little nearer to the cusp, being lord both of the 10*th.* and 11*th.*, houses, the learned in Astrology know that in the signe and house where he is now posited he usually creates contentions in councils with a great deal of fury, and their understandings are so good that by directing their ocular Rays to the Southerne part of the Zodiack, they can tell you that the fury proceeds partly from thence he that can understand it him. The Clergy in *Oxford*, and else where seem now to be in better content then in the last *Month*: but Merchants are now subject to losses through Montanous Waves on the perillous Seas: The Commonalty in General are now Subject to many losses Diverse ways, yet seem to go on in their business and Trading with exhilarated Spirits: many discourses are now about the burials of the Dead, and the Taxes laid thereon, the likelyest Days for Rain are the 2 4*th.* 16*th.* 18*th.* 21*st.* 22*d.* 23*d.* Days, Thunder about the 10*th.* 22*d.* 26*th.* Days.

Slow Faleifer is in the water creeping,
With Suflen looks on Sol and Venus peeping:
We see the Rain and hear the Roaring Thunder,
(Which makes us at the Works of Nature Wonder

After the middle of the Month but I fear it will make the Farmer a little sad

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September's *Observations.*

THE proceedings in the Council house seem pretty smooth yet not without a mixture of some Ruggedness through some discontented Spirits: The Clergy in General (if not also some other Persons profess-

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ing Religion) ſeem to be much Grieved and Diſſatisfied at ſomething acted in Councils and they frown at ſome of the Vulgar, about ſome Religious orders, and for ſomething ſpoken or acted againſt them: and indeed it may be admired if ſome of both ſorts ſuffer not by Impriſonment I am half a fraid of a conſpiracy againſt ſome of the higher Powers, but fears poſſeſs the promoters of the Miſchiefe intended, which perhaps may either fruſtrate or weaken their deſigne: There is now plenty enough of Wiſdom and Policy, though indeed Wiſdom is not always the Conſervatix of Peace and Love: *Omnibus temporibus Dominum* [*Deum*] *magis quam viras timeant Cuncti*, The Seas now are very perilous for Merchants Ships, ſome danger of miſcarryages to Women with Child: a probability of *Rain* at the begining and about the middle and alſo at the end of the of the month.

Phæbus *and* Hermes *kindly do ſalute,*
Bright Phaeton, *and with him both diſpute,*
through wiſe and Fair entreatyes to aſſwage,
Some pious fury and Religious Rage.

'Tis well there are ſome pious peace makers, for I think there is need enough of them now, or may be about *November.*

October's *Obſervation*

SUperiours now ſeem to be in very great Unity and Benevolence among themſelves, and have alſo pretty good affections towards their ſubjects, yet are a little diſpleaſed, to hear that their ſubjects are ſomewhat unwilling to pay ſome kind of Tax. *Religion* is the thing now much diſcourſed of in Councils, together with the Sea affairs: Impriſonment ſeems to be threatened to ſome ſort of profeſſors of *Religion*, and alſo to ſome *Seamen*. A probability of Rain or Hail about the 2. 12. and 25 days

Fair Ericina's pretty wanton Eyes,
Chronos doth with his cloudy maſk diſguiſe,
They drop Down tears, do ſadly weep and wail,
We ſee them fall like Show'res of Rain or Hail.

Chiefely about the begining of the month.

November's *Obſervations.*

IMpriſonment ſeems ſtill to be threatened to ſome of the nobler ſort of the commonalty, for words ſpoken againſt ſome *Superiours* which I fear will enflame the anger of a great Potentate againſt them; *Ergo linguam Regat Ratio:* The Clergy (if not alſo ſome other profeſſing party) have not

not only been lately troubled but enraged by some great Ruler. The Seas are now very perillous for masters of Ships and mariners partly by reason of Pyrots and I fear many miscarryages will happen to Women with Child: Good news arrives unto us out of Flanders Norway the Higher, *Bavaria* and *Barbary*, some likelihood of *Rain* or *Snow* about the 8*th.* 13*th.* and 22*d.* Days

Gradivus lately did with Jove *contend,*
Who humbly did to Mars *his greatness bend,*
He still looks with a troubled Countenance,
Because he can't his purposes advance.

What a deal of crosseneese is here about Religion and like to be

December's *Observations*

I am now beholding a pretty turbulent Face of Heaven: some mischievous conspiracyes I fear are now in action and some secret evill designes at hand: I am sorry I see occasions to write so often of Imprisonments though it seems to be threatned to some of the Vulgar (especially about the latter end of the Month) who now seem to be displeased, at something acted by superiours about Religion and weighty discourses and consultation are now in Councils about the Comonalty and the Souldiers: beware of Robbers on the Roads in *January* next: probability of Snow or Rain about the 5*th.* 19*th.* and 29*th.* or 30*th.* Day.

Gradivus now sees louring Phænon *walk,*
Comes to him and with angry tongues they talk,
One Stamps in fury; speaks a frowning word,
The other wishes for his naked sword.

about the latter end of the month. one of them looks like one of the Council.

Per Conservationem propositionum Dialecticæ.

Per causas & Effectus

Astrology gives some the foreknowledge of the times of future events.
The foreknowledge of the times of future events, makes some to be admirers of the Wisdom of God.
When some are admirers of the Wisdom of God, they are induced to fear God,
When some are brought into the fear of God, they enter into lowlines of mind,
When they are brought into lowliness of mind their actions are lawful and pleasing to God.
Therefore Astrology is lawful and pleasing to God, and many have been benefitted by it.

per tertiam syllogismi figuram.

da—mis: All Starry motions are certain
rap—min All Starry motions are depended on by Wise Astrologers to make predictions.
ti—med Therefore some predictions made by wise Astrologers are certain—if not varied by a miracle, but you must have Respect to the word wise or well learned.

Per Enthymema *in these following Verses.*

Semper sidereos mutavit esse Johannes
Silvester *certos, igitur per eosque futuri,*
Eventus certe nunc prædicantur ab illo.

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